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There may be some validity to FONOFF's belief that timing Khrushchev's November 10 statement on Berlin was influenced by evidence apparent softness in West German attitudes, but hard to estimate what weight to give this factor in appraisal Communist motivations leading to this latest move.

As indicated in Department's 968, note in present form, while not a disaster from our point of view, is unsatisfactory. But for reasons given 968 considered on balance better not to withhold approval, and avoid split with FEDREP and inevitable public acrimony which this would entail. Additional factor which led Department to refrain from specific suggestions for modification of note was advantage of detaching ourselves from too close identity with its content. Department considers Khrushchev statement should have caused FEDREP to have second thought both to content and timing of delivery of note. (Possibility still not excluded, in spite apparent determination to deliver Monday.)

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[Initiative, however, on whole matter is with FEDREP and we prefer to let it take consequences without admonitory advice from us. Like UK, we will say if asked, that we have been consulted about note but will not express QUOTE full approval UNQUOTE]

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